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**For more
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Dear friend,

Like you, I am stunned by the devastation Hurricane Katrina caused along the Gulf Coast. My thoughts and prayers go out to the victims and families affected by this natural disaster.

Americans are known for their perseverance, resilience and toughness, and I am confident that just as we have stood strong before in times of hardship, that the people of the Gulf Coast will be able to regroup and rebuild.

I am also confident in the generosity of the American people. Now is the time to come together to help our fellow Americans.

For more information on how to assist those affected by Hurricane Katrina, I have enclosed the following information. Please feel free to share this information with your family and friends.

Sincerely,

Allyson Y. Schwartz
Member of Congress

[How to Help](#)

Volunteer agencies provide a wide variety of services after disasters, such as clean up, childcare, housing repair, crisis counseling, sheltering and food. Below is

a list of phone numbers to contact if you are interesting in providing help or assistance.

Southeastern Pennsylvania Red Cross

www.redcross-philly.org/

(215) 299-4000

American Red Cross

1-800-HELP NOW (435-7669) English,

1-800-257-7575 Spanish

Southern Baptist Convention -- Disaster Relief

1-800-462-8657, ext. 6440

Salvation Army

1-800-SAL-ARMY (725-2769)

Operation Blessing

1-800-436-6348

America's Second Harvest

1-800-344-8070

Adventist Community Services

1-800-381-7171

Catholic Charities, USA

703 549-1390

Christian Disaster Response

941-956-5183 or 941-551-9554

Christian Reformed World Relief Committee

1-800-848-5818

Church World Service

1-800-297-1516

Convoy of Hope

417-823-8998

Lutheran Disaster Response

800-638-3522

Mennonite Disaster Service

717-859-2210

Nazarene Disaster Response

888-256-5886

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance
800-872-3283

United Methodist Committee on Relief
1-800-554-8583

Updated information about Hurricane Katrina

For updated information about the hurricane and relief efforts, please visit the [FEMA](#) and [National Hurricane Center](#) web sites.

Relief Organizations

Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is moving in ice, water, meals, Search and Rescue and Disaster Medical Assistance teams into areas hardest hit by Hurricane Katrina. [Click here to visit FEMA's web site.](#)

To apply for assistance call 1-800-621-FEMA (3362). The speech or hearing impaired may call (TTY) 1-800-462-7585.

You may also [register for assistance online here](#). In addition, you may find FEMA's "[Help After a Disaster: Applicant's Guide to the Individuals & Households Program](#)" helpful.

To find local shelters and other state specific information please visit:

Louisiana Office of Homeland Security & Emergency Preparedness
<http://www.ohsep.louisiana.gov>
(225) 925-7500

Mississippi Emergency Management Agency
<http://www.msema.org/>
601-960-9020

Alabama Emergency Management Agency
<http://www.ema.alabama.gov/>
1-800-843-0699

	<p>Red Cross 1-866-GET-INFO (1-866-438-4636)</p> <p><u>Additional Resources</u></p> <p>Relatives and loved ones who are struggling to cope with the devastation of the disaster and loss of life can contact their local American Red Cross to speak with a Disaster Mental Health volunteer.</p>		
Contact Information			
<p>Washington Office 423 Cannon Office Building Washington, D.C. 20515 phone: 202/225-6111 fax: 202/226-0611</p>	<table> <tr> <td data-bbox="634 646 1060 846"> <p>Montgomery County Office 706 West Avenue Jenkintown, PA 19046 phone: 215/517-6572 fax: 215/517-6575</p> </td><td data-bbox="1060 646 1433 846"> <p>Philadelphia Office 7219 Frankford Avenue Philadelphia, PA 19135 phone: 215/335-3355 fax: 215/333-4508</p> </td></tr> </table>	<p>Montgomery County Office 706 West Avenue Jenkintown, PA 19046 phone: 215/517-6572 fax: 215/517-6575</p>	<p>Philadelphia Office 7219 Frankford Avenue Philadelphia, PA 19135 phone: 215/335-3355 fax: 215/333-4508</p>
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